# Directive concerning the storage of flammable liquids on premises

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The Direction of the Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne hereby adopts the following:

### Section 1 Definition and guidelines

A flammable may be a pure substance or a mixture.

- <sup>1</sup> Physical separation (in separate storage cabinets) according to chemical incompatibilities (see table in annex) must always be respected during storage<sup>1</sup>.
- <sup>2</sup> Items must be stored in ventilated cabinets of the El90 type (EN-14770-1 certified).
- <sup>3</sup> All liquids must be stored in sealed containers.
- <sup>4</sup> These sealed containers must be stored in retention trays.

#### Article 1 Storage

- <sup>1</sup> The storage of flammable liquid in non-ventilated premises is prohibited.
- <sup>2</sup> In ventilated premises, flammable liquids must be stored in ventilated cabinets, in containers with a maximum volume of 3 litres.
- <sup>3</sup> A maximum quantity of 15 litres of flammable liquid is authorised outside of ventilated cabinets.
- <sup>4</sup> A maximum quantity of 100 litres of flammable liquid is authorised inside the laboratory's fire-resistant ventilated cabinets (metallic, chipboard).
- <sup>5</sup> A maximum quantity of 150 litres of flammable liquid is authorised inside fireproof ventilated cabinets of the EI90 type (EN-14770-1 certified).

#### Article 2 Waste

- <sup>1</sup> Flammable chemical waste must be stored in a ventilated area.
- <sup>2</sup> Waste containers must be taken to your School's chemical waste collection point at least once every two months, or when the containers reach 80% of their capacity.

#### Section 2 In case of accident

#### Article 3 Alarm

Call 115 (or 021.693.30.00 from a mobile telephone) immediately and gather information concerning the product or mixture that caused the accident.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cf. Directive sur les **Liquides inflammables. Entreposage et manipulation (#** 1825) Cf Directive sur les **Laboratoires chimiques** (# 1871)

Ci Directive sur les Laboratoires Chimiques (# 167

Cf Material Safety Data Sheet

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# Section 3 Final provisions

# Article 4 Entry into force

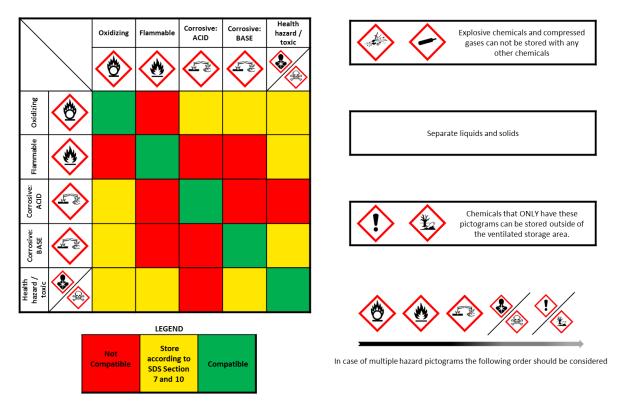
The present directive entered into force on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Version 1.3, status as at 31<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

On behalf of the EPFL Direction:

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## **Annex: Table of chemical incompatibilities**



Note that two chemicals can have the same pictogram and still be incompatible!

Example: Acetic acid and triethylamine are both flammable, but cannot be stored together because they are an acid and a base.

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